



By the King,
A P R O C L A M A T I O N

Prohibiting the keeping of *Exeter* Fair, and other Fairs thereabouts, for
some Time.

J A M E S R.



Whereas We are informed, that on or about the Sixth Day of December, a Fair hath usually been holden and kept at and in Our City of *Exeter*; We in respect of the present Invasion upon this Our Kingdom by the Prince of Orange, (who with an Armed Force of Foreigners and Rebels hath possessed Our said City) and considering also that divers evil disposed Persons, under pretence of going to the said Fair, may repair to Our Enemies, or hold Correspondence with them, have therefore thought fit, by Advice of Our Privy Council, to Defer and Prohibit the keeping of the said Fair, and all other Fairs within Twenty Miles of Our said City of *Exeter*, at the Times accustomed, and until the same shall be Licensed by Us. And to the end that all Persons may take Notice thereof, We do hereby Admonish and Require all Our Subjects, that they forbear to resort to the said Fair at *Exeter*, or any other Fairs within Twenty Miles of the said City, until We shall Declare Our further Pleasure concerning the same; hereby also strictly Enjoining and Commanding the respective Lords, Owners and Proprietors of all and every the said Fairs, and all other Persons interested therein, that they do not presume to hold the said Fairs, or any of them, without Our Licence first obtained in that behalf; upon pain of such Punishment as can or may by Law be inflicted upon such as shall be found Offenders therein.

Given at Our Court at *Whitehall* the 16th day of November, 1688. In the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

God save the King.

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